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increase his allotment under "Discretionary Grants by Collectors" in order that he might be able to give help to destitute persons for rebuilding their houses.

(*c*) No such loans were sanctioned by the Government. Collectors are competent to grant loans under the "Land Improvements Loans Act, and the Agriculturists Loans Act."

(*d*) Remission is granted by Collectors in accordance with the rules on the subject. The Government have no information as to the amount of assessment remitted by the Collectors of the districts affected by the floods.

The attention of the hon. Member is in this connexion invited to G.O. No. 9, Revenue, dated 3rd January 1929 (which has been published) in which orders have been passed by the Government for the grant of remission in respect of lands in the Vizagapatam and East Godavari districts which have been covered with sand or otherwise rendered unfit for cultivation by the floods.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"May I know what amount has been sanctioned by the Collector or by the Government for the relief of distress in South Kanara?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"The figures given in the answer to clause (*b*) includes the amount of relief afforded by the Government."

Irrigation

Re-examination of the gauge discharge results in regard to Duvvaleru.

*214 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : With reference to the answer to question No. 539 answered on 12th October 1928 will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the re-examination of gauge discharge results in regard to Duvvaleru is complete ;

(*b*) whether the Superintending Engineer has examined the figures and submitted the preliminary report ; and

(*c*) if so, what the report is ?

A.—(*a*) The examination of the discharge results has been completed in the Chief Engineer's office.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Chief Engineer expects to receive the Superintending Engineer's report by the end of August 1929.

Extension of the benefit of the Mettur Irrigation work to the Salem, Coimbatore and Trichinopoly districts.

*215 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what progress has been made

(*a*) in regard to the investigation of the proposals to extend the benefit of the Mettur Irrigation work to the Salem, Coimbatore and Trichinopoly districts and what action is being taken thereon ; and

(*b*) in the irrigation work up to the end of June 1920 ?